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FOR SENATOR RIBOCOFF AND BAKER FROM AMBASSADOR

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TAGS: OVIP (RIBICOFF/BAKER)

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO CODEL RIBICOFF/BAKER

1. I WANT TO THANK YOU AND, THROUGH YOU, THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SENATE DELEGATION FOR WHAT HAS BEEN, FROM MY VANTAGE POINT, A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT. I KNOW THAT THE EGYPTIAN FROM THE PRESIDENT ON DOWN APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE DELEGATION, TO EXPLAIN THEIR POINT OF VIEW, AND TO GET SOME SENSE ABOUT HOW RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE SEE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. THE EGYPTIANS WERE GREATLY HEARTENED BY THE DELEGATION'S OBVIOUSLY GENUINE DESIRE TO LEARN AND UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM.

2. I KNOW THAT THESE TRIPS ARE ALSO TIRING FOR THE SENATORS INVOLVED, BUT GREATLY APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU TOOK THE TIME TO COME HERE. AS I MENTIONED TO YOU IN THE CAR, I REGARD THE VISIT OF YOUR DELEGATION AS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL AND EFFECTIVE CODEL VISITS THAT WE HAVE HAD IN MY TIME IN CAIRO AND I SAY THAT WITHOUT ANY ATTEMPT TO FLATTER. I HOPE THAT THE VISIT WAS ALSO OF SOME USE TO YOU AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION.

3. MY BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL ONWARD TRIP AND A

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CORDIAL INVITATION TO YOU AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE

SENATE DELEGATION TO VISIT HERE AGAIN SOON.

4. IF THERE IS ANYTHIN THAT I CAN DO TO BE OF HELP TO
YOU OR TO THE OTHER SENATORS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE
TO LET ME KNOW.
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